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SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

1' SOKOLOFF HAS JUST LEARNED FROM STEINWAY PIANO COMPANY THAT IT SHIPPED A MODEL D RPT D PIANO (SERIAL NUMBER 430107) TO THE PRC TWO MONTHS AGO FOR "CONCERT USE" REPORTEDLY BY PIANIST YIN CHENG-CHUNG. THE ORCHESTRA HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO USE THIS PIANO EITHER IN PEKING OR SHANGHAI.

2. ORMANDY HAS AGAIN STATED HIS STRONG PREFERENCE THAT HE AND MRS. ORMANDY NOT ATTEND ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS BEFORE OR AFTER PERFORMANCES UNLESS THEY ARE MAJOR PROTOCOL AFFAIRS. THE ORMANDYS ARE MORE OR LESS PREPARED FOR SUCH A RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORCHESTRA'S FIRST AND LAST PERFORMANCES IN CHINA. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD OF THE DIFFICULTY OF PREDICTING WHEN HIGH-RANKING PRC PERSONAGES MAY DECIDE TO APPEAR ON SHORT NOTICE AND OF COURSE WILL APPEAR WHENEVER THERE IS ANY REAL REASON TO DO SO- BUT IN VIEW OF ORMANDY'S 73 YEARS HE AND MRS. ORMANDY PREFER NOT TO TAKE PART IN ROUTINE SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND THIS WAS STRESSED TO US ONCE MORE BY SOKOLOFF.

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3. THE BALIS AND THE BONDS ASK WHETHER THEY SHOULD PACK BLACK TIE KITS ?OR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND WE REPLIED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DINNER JACKETS IN PEKING, BUT THIS ADVICE

CAN BE CHANGED IF YOU FEEL THEY SHOULD COME WITH DINNER JACKETS ETC.

4. AS TRUSTEE OF PENN CENTRAL, BOND MUST LEAVE PRC BEFORE ORCHESTRA AND PARTY. HE ALREADY HAS RESERVATIONS ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT DEPARTING PEKING AT 0800 HOURS ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15; MRS. BOND WILL REMAIN WITH THE ORCHESTRA PARTY. DOES THIS EARLY DEPARTURE HAVE TO BE CLEARED WITH MFA?

5. ORCHESTRA HAS SUPPLIED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN MAKING HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS. ORIGINAL REQUEST WAS FOR 2 SUITES, 66 SINGLES AND 30 TWIN ROOMS. ORCHESTRA CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL HAVE SUITE FOR ORMANDYS, AND FOR DR. VINER WHO WILL NEED IT FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN 66 SINGLE ROOMS, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE ROOMED TOGETHER IF NECESSARY.

CICCARELLI/CARLYSS; BURRIS/DOLPH; QUERGE/GROSSI; HARPHAM/ORLANDO; HALFMANN/TARNOWSKY; MORRIS/SHAMLIAN; DREYFUSS/SCUTT; CLAUSER/GRIFFIN; L. SMITH/GRAVAGNO; KRZYWICKI/DODSON; LIGHT/GRIKA; BOOKSPAN/LUDWIG; COSTANZO/TORELLO; ARBEN/BIAVA; BOGDANOFF/WIGLER; R. DE PASQUALE/SIMONELLI; LANZA/LANZA; REEDER/MAYES; LUSAK/MARESH; HOOD/MURRAY; SOKOLOFF/SANTARLASCI; CAROL/MADISON. IF NECESSARY FOLLOWING CAN ALSO SHARE ROOMS, BUT AFTER ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE. JOHNSON/PANITZ; HEWITT/PFEUFFER; SCHONBERG/WEBSTER; M. MILLER/MOLIERI; AND EURY/GRADY. IF REALLY NECESSARY SMITH COULD JOIN CAROL AND MADISON IN TRIPLE ROOM.

6. LIST OF BAGGAGE MANIFEST HAS ALREADY BEEN POUCHED TO YOU LISTING ORIGINALLY PLANNED 94 PIECES OF BAGGAGE AND EQUIPMENT. THIS HAS BEEN REVISED AND THERE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOTAL OF 93 PIECES NUMBERED FROM 1 TO 99 BUT MISSING NUMBERS 64, 69, 70, 79, 87, AND 88. RUSH

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